



Amherst County Sheriff's Office



Front – before and after



Side – before and after

115 Taylor Street
Amherst, VA 24521

Contact: Bill Gillespie (434) 841-2671

Size (SF) 2 story
27,594 sq ft

Contract Delivery Method PPEA, at-risk

Contract Time 290 calendar days

Contract completed 44 days early and in budget

Project Narrative

We were contracted to convert the existing Amherst County Jail into the Amherst County Sheriff's Office, to include a variety of offices, secure and non-secure storage and processing rooms, training and interview rooms, a kitchen, break room, exercise room, and toilets. The project included card readers to restrict access to areas of the building, a new VoIP phone system, interview recording equipment, furniture, BAS, new data, and finishes. Savings generated allowed the owner to add money back into the project to cover some of these items.

Heavy demolition was a major part of the project. While removing the required CMU walls filled solid required for a jail, we encountered a discrepancy in the as-built drawings. The concrete ceilings in the jail cells were shown to be 3"; they turned out to be 8". This slowed the demolition work as smaller sections had to be removed in order to protect workers from falling debris.

The Sheriff's Office had to remain operational 24 hours a day throughout construction; demolition and reconstruction was broken into three phases to allow this. All work was completed while maintaining the functions of the Sheriff's Office, security of stored evidence, and life safety measures.